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Radio volunteer bid

A COMMUNITY radio station in Stourbridge is calling out for volunteers as its station goes from strength to strength.

The Bridge 102.5 fm went "24/7" only four years ago but now has more than 60 presenters who offer chat shows, political debates, disco extravaganzas and rock music.

Graham Fisher MBE, chairman of the Stourbridge Radio Group, said: "The pay is terrible – i.e. nil – but the camaraderie, sense of achievement and sheer pleasure of being part of a great team dedicated to serving the commu-

nity more than makes up for that."

The Bridge is a community radio station serving the southern Black Country as well as listeners worldwide on its 'listen live' facility on its website.

The success of the station is put down to the volunteers and their community spirit and hard work.

The station also needs backroom staff to help with production work and administration.

Contact Graham Fisher on 01384 270020 or email him on graham.fisher@thebridgeradio.net for more information.

Crown clock's uncertain future

A COMMEMORATIVE clock faces an uncertain future when it is removed from Stourbridge's Crown Centre for redevelopment work to begin at the site.

The timepiece was installed inside the centre in 2005 as a celebration of the town's glassmaking and locomotive-building heritage.

But the clock is to be removed by supermarket giant Tesco when a revamp of the centre starts next year – and bosses have said it will not be returned to the site.

Bosses from Tesco said they had made

a commitment to moving the clock but the new location would be decided by Dudley Council.

And council officials admitted talks had not yet taken place to find an alternative location for it.

Discussions are set to take place in the near future and officials say a "suitable site" will be found somewhere in the town.

But presently there are no firm plans in place and no timescale has been drawn up for when the clock would be installed once a site has been agreed.

The mechanical clock has a rotating

feature which swings into action on the hour.

It features a miniature workers' parade followed by a model of the famous Stourbridge Lion train.

Cabinet member for regeneration on Dudley Council, Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The clock is well-known in Stourbridge and is certainly something we would not want to lose."

"At the moment no talks have been held over where the clock would go."

"However we will be holding discussions soon. I am sure we will be able to find a suitable location."

Cup fever strikes again for Glassboys

CUP fever is gripping Stourbridge once again as the Glassboys bid to earn their place in the FA Cup first round for the second time in three seasons.

Saturday's home game with Rushall Olympic is the reward for dispatching Bewdley Town, Barnwell and Evesham – and one more push could see the team in the main FA Cup rounds once again.

Two seasons ago the Glassboys went out 1-0 against Walsall, but manager Gary Hackett hopes that experience will stand them in good stead.

"We've been there before and we know we can do it, so that is an advantage for us," he said.

Tough

"But Rushall will be a tough nut to crack, especially as it is a local derby."

The man whose team packed more than 2,000 fans into Amblecote two years ago hopes the fans will get behind them again, and says the FA Cup atmosphere is already bubbling around the club.

He said: "I'm pretty sure there will be a good crowd. We have great support and I'm sure Rushall will bring a lot of fans too."

"You can already feel the excitement around the club, but there are also nerves. That's expected as there is a lot at stake for both teams."

The Glassboys are currently battling it out on two cup fronts as they beat Redditch United 2-1 in the first qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

Rushall are bidding to qualify for the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in the club's history.

● Glassboys – Fun 44

Halloween fun at Glass Cone

FAMILIES can enjoy Halloween-themed fun at Stourbridge Red House Glass Cone's "no tricks, just treats" event at the weekend.

The attraction in Wordsley will have activities, workshops and glass demonstrations.

They will be held on October 29 from 10am to 4pm.

BUSINESSMAN BACKS ROB'S PLEA FOR LEGS

By Sarah Hazelwood

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A GENEROUS businessman from Stourbridge who has raised £200,000 to help a former colleague who lost his limbs to meningitis said he will back his plea for new prosthetic legs.

Geoff Hill of the electrical firm set up a trust for Robert Parsons, aged 29, when he suffered the illness in 2000.

The former delivery driver has recently managed to start walking for the first time since his illness.

He says his current legs are unstable and that he feels "let down" by the NHS after being refused funding for a new pair of prosthetic legs.

Joints

Mr Parsons has fallen over and injured himself a number of times and applied for new limbs with special knee joints.

But his request has been turned down in a letter from NHS Dudley, as he is not seen as an "exceptional case".

Mr Hill said: "It is terrible to say that Robert isn't an exceptional case."

"You only have to look at what he has been through to



Robert Parsons with the letter of refusal

the NHS too. It is so important he gets as much support as he can," added Mr Hill.

Mr Parsons, of Shenstone Avenue, Norton, Stourbridge was just 19 and previously healthy when he had the amputations after contracting blood poisoning through a complication of meningitis.

He will pay a proportion of the costs for the £50,000 pair of legs using cash from the charity fund.

In recent years the trust has helped to kit out his home and buy him a specially-adapted car.

"I'm lucky that I have this money to fall back on," he said.

"If it wasn't for Geoff's fund I would be stuck in my wheelchair."

Appeal

"I just feel let down by the NHS," he said.

Mr Parsons is now launching an appeal against NHS Dudley's decision.

Hilary Walker, director of quality at NHS Dudley, said: "It would be inappropriate for me to comment on this individual case in detail."

"However, I am confident that the process is fair and robust, ensuring that cases are considered in a consistent way and that decisions are made on clinical and cost effectiveness."

Christmas art show will help those in poverty



French artist Pascale Bigot gets ready for her annual art and craft exhibition

ASTOURBRIDGE artist is hoping a certain "Je ne sais quoi" will help her art exhibition raise lots of money for charity.

Pascale Bigot, who is originally from France and moved to Stourbridge 20 years ago, is hosting an annual exhibition of her work from November 4-6.

The professional artist is raising money for French charity Grain de Sable – Grain of Sand – which helps poverty-stricken families in Africa. "It's all original art including

pastels, Christmas cards and limited edition pieces," Pascale said.

"Everything raised from the sale of items will go to the charity."

"It gives money to school children and £50 can cover one child's primary school education for a year."

Knitting, crochet and fused glass pieces will also be on sale at the exhibition, which will be open during daytime hours at 70 Worcester Street, Stourbridge.

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Honours now for unsung heroes

UNSUNG heroes were honoured at Dudley's biggest celebration for volunteers with winners from across the borough scooping top awards.

More than 250 people packed into Brierley Hill Civic Hall for the eighth annual event hosted by voluntary sector support charity Dudley CVS.

Scores of volunteers received special accolades last Thursday: 38 collected certificates for the

time they dedicate to local causes and their communities and a further 21 awards, including 13 unique glass trophies designed by students of Glasshouse College, were also presented by the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans and Dudley CVS chairman Mike Abrahams.

Guest speakers included police chief superintendent Keith Baldwin, Dudley Council

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executive John Polychronakis and director of Dudley community partnership Dennis Hodson.

Stourbridge gained much recognition with this year's young volunteer award going to 17-year-old Laura McCutcheon, who works with Barnardo's Time 4 Me project providing activities and holidays for children whose parents are affected by alcohol and substance

misuse. So busy is Laura that she could not attend the ceremony – she was representing the West Midlands at another awards night in London.

The team from Stourbridge's Side by Side Theatre Company bagged an inspiration award for support of actors with learning disabilities, who wowed the packed hall with two special performances during the ceremony.

Stourbridge resident Peter Miles was awarded a good neighbour award for the care he offers to his own neighbours while 24-year-old Sarah Freeman, who set up her own social enterprise delivering meals on wheels to the elderly, was also recognised.

Karen Wilcox received an award in the health and wellbeing section following her support of people with learning disabilities at Camphill Houses in Stourbridge.

Dudley winners included resident John Knight, the longest serving volunteer at St Thomas's community network furniture store where he has dedicated more than 20 years.

Woodseton couple Ken and Tracy McClymont, both visually impaired, were rewarded for their support to others living locally and suffering with a disability.

Library

Other winners were volunteers from Phoenix Toy Library, in the south of Dudley; 21-year-old Qasim Mughal who works with young people at Dudley Central Mosque and Gornal community worker Terry Potter who volunteers as a kitchen helper at Wrens Nest.

Halesowen was also bursting with pride when resident Ruby Homer was highly commended alongside volunteers of The Hope Centre who were given a safe and sound accolade for their support to vulnerable people living in the town.

Maggie Molynaux received the children and families award recognising the two decades she has dedicated to Girlguiding



Award winners gather for the big night at Brierley Hill Civic Hall



Sue Wallin, front right, of Side by Side



Award time for Peter Miles



A smiling Karen Wilcox receives her award

UK. Two sporting champions from Halesowen clubs were honoured – Reg Rogers, of Kidderminster, who has dedicated 50 years to the Old Halesonians Hockey Club and Mick Mielczarek, of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club, who spends 80 hours a week to coaching young people.

The environmental achievement award went to the friends of Huntingtree Park for improvements to the area and work with local schools.

Highly commended lifelong volunteers were Gurcharan Bedi, of Brierley Hill, for his work for local cancer charities and Norma Chapman, of Halesowen for her support to her neighbours on the Tanhouse Estate.

The winner of the Gordon Lindsay award for lifelong service went to Doreen Collins, of Brierley Hill, who has given years of her time to servicemen, St John Ambulance and Parkinson's UK Dudley group. She joined the Mayor to cut a celebration cake before settling down for a special dinner and big band entertainment from the Thorns Community Music Group.

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Dementia care hubs open up in borough

THREE "one-stop shops" aimed at overhauling dementia care services in Dudley borough have opened their doors, including one in Amblecote. Hubs have been created at the Brettell Lane Centre, Amblecote; Roseville Centre in Coseley and Brett Young Centre, Halesowen.

The move comes as part of a new approach by Dudley Council to look after those afflicted by the problem.

Figures showed there were almost 4,000 people in the borough with dementia last year – with numbers expected to jump to 6,500 by 2030.

Sufferers' needs will be met by a team of professionals recruited from the health, social care and voluntary sector through one point of access.

The new service will also link people with dementia to information services and advice on areas such as respite services, carers support and short break services.

Dementia advisers and specialist care staff will offer care at home and palliative care will be more readily available.

Gateways

The three new 'dementia gateways' as they are known opened to the public this month.

Councillor David Vickers, cabinet member for adult and community services at Dudley Council, said: "The gateways are intended for people with a dementia-related need and their carers."

He said they would offer the services of a specialist dementia nurse and a clinic for medical staff and psychiatrists.

"There will also be carers support services, specialist dementia care staff, telecare and telehealth information," he added.

Bugle on the button



Quarry Bank Royal British Legion member Harry Wragg and fellow members with the new electronic bugle

THE last post will ring out loud and proud for a Black Country branch of the Royal British Legion after it purchased an electronic bugle.

Veterans across the region have struggled with a lack of qualified buglers to perform at commemorative occasions. Quarry Bank legion members had to use a CD of military music after being unable to locate a musician.

But new electronic bugles have come onto the market in the USA. Quarry Bank branch chairman Eric Homer and member Gloria Donovan, with backing from ward councillor Brian Cotterill, successfully applied to Dudley Council to secure £448 of funding to buy the electronic version.

The device looks like a real bugle but is button operated and can play 'The Last Post and Reveille'.

Flats plan for office building

PLANS to transform an empty office block at a busy Dudley road junction into apartments have been revealed by developers.

Seven flats could be created in the Kings Chambers building, in Furnace Road.

Proposals have now been submitted to Dudley Council.

The prominent building stands near the well-known Lamp Tavern pub next to the junction with High Street and King Street.

The building's owner, accountancy firm Saxon and Co, is behind the plan for three two-bedroom apartments and four one-bedroom flats.

In plans applicant representative Anthony Saxon, says other options for the building were also considered.

"Economic circumstances dictate that the owners of King Chambers, Saxon and Co, have had to re-evaluate their position and now wish to convert the building into seven apartments," he said in the application.

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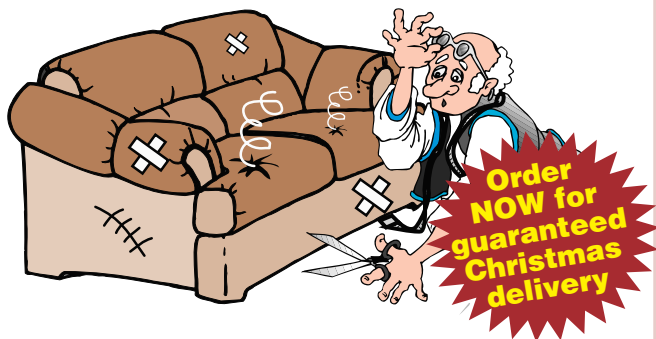
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MP hits out at state of Hippodrome

DUDLEY'S historic former Hippodrome and Gala Bingo building is becoming a magnet for rubbish and graffiti, an MP has warned. Ian Austin says "enormous weeds" are growing around the building in Castle Hill. A wall is daubed in spray paint, giving visitors a "terrible impression" of the town. Some of the paintwork on the front of the building is also peeling off, he said. The Dudley North MP wants the building - on a main gateway to the town - cleaned up. Council leader Les Jones assured him that work would be carried out. Dudley Council bought the building, which closed in 2009, to form part of redevelopment plans for Castle Hill and the zoo. But it has remained empty since it was purchased in December.

Falconry centre bid at thriving vineyard

A VINEYARD in South Staffordshire has unveiled expansion plans to include a new falconry centre and guided tours.

Halfpenny Green Vineyards in Bobbington has proposals for a series of aviaries.

The aviaries will house a flock of up to 30 birds while their keeper, Karl Law, will also introduce walking tours for visitors. The development is expected to cost up to £60,000 if approved by South Staffordshire District Council's regulatory committee.

Martin Vickers, owner of the 26-acre Tom Lane site, hailed the "exciting" plans and said visitor numbers were up 20 per cent on last year.

"It's going to be quite something, a massive attraction," he said.

Enterprise

"It will be up and running in the new year, all being well. We have had discussions with the planners and they are 100 per cent behind us but we've had to apply for permission as it's development on the green belt.

"They are positive about it as it's a rural enterprise. This will further boost footfall."

Some birds would be tethered on the site while the remainder would be in the aviaries, Mr Vickers said. Butterflies would also be on display.

Visitor numbers have surged to around 30,000 a year as new businesses fill retail outlets at the vineyard - including a tattoo parlour. The site also has tearooms, jewellery-making units and a craft centre.



Grape picking at Halfpenny Green in the summer

Merger scheme for coroners would save councils £37,000

PLANS to merge the Wolverhampton and Black Country coroners services will save councils £37,000, it has emerged.

Council chiefs want to create a single service following the retirement of the Wolverhampton coroner last month.

The city post is set to be abolished and Black Country coroner Robin Balmain, who hears inquests in Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell, has taken over on an interim basis. Council chiefs in the four areas are drawing up

cost-cutting plans to merge the two services with Mr Balmain and a deputy taking on the combined caseload of 4,300 deaths a year.

A total of £37,000 would be saved by the four councils sharing "back office functions" and support service costs, says a report by Dudley's finance chief Councillor David Blood.

The proposals, part of a national reform of the coroners system, will need to be approved by the Ministry of Justice before they can go ahead.

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Chocs away! Louis moves into exports

A YOUNG entrepreneur who set up his own chocolate firm when he was 12 years old is seeing business boom across the globe.

Louis Barnett has sold 29,000 bars of chocolate in just 90 days since launching in Mexico in June. And the 19-year-old, of Envil Road, Kinver, has also signed a deal to export thousands of products to 13 states across America.

Louis is the founder of Chokolit, which makes quality chocolate for specialist food shops, delicatessens and other retail outlets. The family-run firm has five employees, including his parents, Phil and Mary.

He is currently travelling around Mexico giving talks to universities and business seminars before meeting a supplier from Singapore later this month.

He is looking to move into the Asian market and there are hopes that the company could become "world famous" in the coming months.

He said: "In the UK I'd signed 20 autographs in my life, but at the Chocolate Fest event in Mexico I signed 4,000.

Chain

"In two years India will be the biggest chocolate consumer in the world so we are always looking to expand."

After dropping out of school at 11, Louis, who is dyslexic and has dyspraxia, which affects planning, began by supplying products to supermarket chain Waitrose. But he has seen sales fall in the UK in recent months so has decided to target overseas markets where he does not have to compete with large brands.

He signed a deal earlier this year to supply a US distributor with 37,000 bars of chocolate after exhibiting at the Fancy Fine Food Fair in New York.

And now 89 big department stores in Mexico are stocking the chocolate, with another 20 due to get involved next year.

His mother, Mary, who works on market-



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Red tape hampers crime battle – MP

CRIME hotspots in Stourbridge are going unchecked because police face a mountain of red tape to install CCTV, the town's MP has warned.

Margot James revealed officers are finding it "incredibly difficult" to obtain cameras for some areas "despite criminal activity being quite high in a particular location".

One area "notorious" for anti-social behaviour is near a stretch of the Stourbridge Canal near the Bonded Warehouse site, in Canal Street, she said. The Conservative MP said the shortage of cameras there, and in other problem areas, was "lamentable".

Looting

She raised the issue during a Parliamentary debate on this summer's riots.

CCTV has helped identify and convict some of those responsible for the vandalism and looting which swept the country, including Wolverhampton and West Bromwich.

Afterwards Miss James said: "The amount of CCTV coverage in Stourbridge, in my opinion, is very low. The town centre is very well covered, but it is not really the town centre where you get these sorts of problems."

"What is lamentable is the CCTV coverage outside of the town centre. Across all of Dudley borough there are some roaming CCTV facilities which police can apply for to have on their patch, but the bureaucracy involved in obtaining these facilities is onerous."

"Perhaps a less restricted approach to the use of what we have if we could afford more would be an improvement."

Walk on the blind side for Mayor



Mayor of Dudley Councillor Michael Evans and John Walters with Karen Gullick, Jenny Walters, John Bowen, Anita Bowen, Sue Harris and Ray McGuirk

THE Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Michael Evans, faced a daunting walk through the streets – blindfold.

He was helping Sedgley's Beacon Centre for the Blind and Dudley Lions Club raise awareness for World Sight Day.

Councillor Evans, aged 70, wore spectacles that blocked out the light to replicate blindness. He walked 300 yards from the Mayor's Parlour to the Beacon Retro-Spective shop in New Street to buy a Christmas card. "Your whole world collapses," he said. "It must be terrible, when you are used to sight, to suddenly lose it."

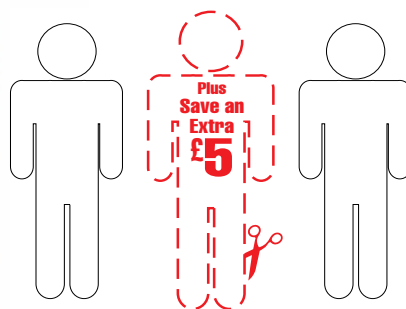
Local unions set to join national protest

UNION members in Dudley will hit the streets to protest against Government spending cuts next month. They are preparing to join the national Day of Action on November 30 over pension reforms.

Members gathered at Dudley Concert Hall on October 19 to start working on their plans. Closure of care homes, controversial academy proposals and fire service plans to shut Halesowen Fire Station were also raised during the meeting.

Chris Downes, Fire Brigade Union West Midlands regional secretary, chaired the meeting and said the time for action had arrived.

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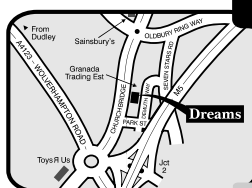
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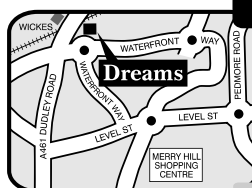
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The controversial chicanes in Kinver High Street which are due to be removed

More changes for village road layout

A £900,000 revamp of Kinver High Street will be altered after it sparked hundreds of complaints from residents and traders.

Council bosses have agreed to change parts of the road layout after villagers said it was too confusing for drivers.

They claimed the new look High Street – changed in a bid to solve traffic problems – had also stopped people from visiting, causing trade to fall.

More than 250 householders sent in their views on the redevelopment work, which was completed earlier this year and included chicanes and double yellow lines. Now some of the chicanes installed at the Dunsley Road and Stone Lane ends of the High Street will be removed. Right of way signs will be

put up so drivers know who has priority when travelling along the street.

Staffordshire County Council is expected to start work on the alterations – cost unknown – at the beginning of next month.

Trader Sarah Jolly, of the Butchery in High Street, said she hoped the work would help to bring back trade.

Disruption

"Unfortunately people have got into the habit of not coming into the village now and we desperately need to get them back," she said.

"I am also worried what the effect will be if the road has to be closed off at any point for these new changes to be made as that will only cause further disruption."

"If these changes had not been made in the first place then we would not have gone through all this. We were

told officers were monitoring the village for five years before this scheme was carried out but I just cannot see how this can be the case."

Officers from the county council discussed the work at a recent meeting with the parish council, which had collected comments. Residents have complained that the changes caused traffic problems rather than solving them.

Staffordshire county councillor Brian Edwards said: "A meeting has now taken place where the problems were discussed and action will be taken."

Council officers have also agreed to look at improving access to the White Hart and Acre car parks after residents said there was little room to manoeuvre.

Parish council clerk Jenny Spaul added: "It is hoped these works will take place early next month."



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Debate over elderly care

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has secured a Parliamentary debate on the care of the elderly in the NHS. It follows a damning report highlighting a failure to treat older patients with dignity and respect.

The survey found one in five hospitals – including two in the West Midlands – was falling below expected standards.

Sandwell General in West Bromwich and Alexandra Hospital in Redditch were two of the 20 hospitals heavily criticised by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). There were major concerns about the way people were fed and given drinks. Of the study of some 100 hospitals in England, 49 were found to have minor, moderate or major concerns about nutritional standards for elderly people.

The CQC probe follows a series of reports detailing poor care in hospitals. These include a Patients' Association survey this summer which found that two-thirds of people in hospitals are not checked for signs of malnutrition.

The debate, said by Miss James to be "urgently needed", was taking place today (October 27).

Action call over 'deathtrap' road

URGENT ACTION is needed at a "deathtrap" accident blackspot in the Black Country to protect people from speeding drivers ignoring dangerous blindspots, it has been claimed.

The call comes after a string of accidents along The Straits, Lower Gornal.

Residents claim drivers ignore the 30mph speed limit and run into trouble at a sudden bend.

Pensioner Roy Welch, aged

80, lives near the corner and said cars, motorcycles and vans crash at least once a week outside his home.

"They come bombing down and go round the corner that fast they can't take it," he said. "It's been going on for years and years – and nobody seems to take any notice."

Record

"We just sit and wait for the crash."

Mr Welch said he and his wife Chris had been living in the street for more than 50 years.

In recent years they have started to keep a record of all

the crashes which happen along the road to present to the authorities.

Their records show three overturned cars, 44 crashes damaging fences and walls, a telegraph pole destroyed and one person run over, as well as numerous minor crashes.

"Something needs to be done – it has been going on for too long," he added.

"It won't be long before there's a really serious accident."

Ward councillors Tim Wright and David Stanley have launched a campaign to get safety measures installed along

the road. Councillor Wright, deputy leader at Dudley Council, said they were in the process of organising a public meeting for anyone concerned about the issue.

"The pavement on the first bend seems to jut out, and while you're travelling safely it's fine, when drivers come speeding down the road they end up on the wrong side," he said.

"We are concerned that there could be a fatal crash at any time – it's a deathtrap, really," he said.

He is now lobbying council officers to work with residents and come up with a solution.

It's Chiles play for the pumpkin judge



Adrian Chiles with, clockwise from left, Aaron Randle, student council co-ordinator Gail Hickman, Matthew McDonald and Daniel Carter at the autumn fair

TV PRESENTER Adrian Chiles returned to his Midlands roots to visit an autumn fair at a Stourbridge college.

The Daybreak star, who hails from Hagley, visited the Glasshouse College in Amblecote where he judged a pumpkin carving competition.

He spent around an hour with students looking at work they have produced in crafts such as weaving, bronze casting, glass work and jewellery.

Chiles was also shown produce from the college's organic farm where the students work to plant, tend and harvest fruit and vegetables which are then cooked and eaten by themselves and the staff at the college as well as being sold to the public.

He presented 20-year-old Daniel Carter, the winner of the pumpkin carving competition, with a glass pumpkin made by tutors at the college.

During his visit the presenter was also handed a gift of a crystal beer glass engraved with his name and the emblem of West Bromwich Albion – the team he supports.

The college in Stourbridge is one of three operated by Ruskin Mill Educational Trust, which provide practical skill therapeutic education for people aged 16 to 25 years with learning difficulties.

Work begins on new hub for 999 fleet

WORK on a new ambulance hub in Dudley that will stock, service and clean a fleet of vehicles is now under way. The new centre is being built on the site of the current ambulance station which is situated in Burton Road.

It is part of a £7million shake-up which will see up to 13 Black Country ambulance stations closed and be replaced by 29 "community" centres and two major hubs.

The one in Dudley will serve areas including Stourbridge, Kingswinford, Oldbury and Halesowen while the other in Willenhall will serve the north of the Black Country.

The vehicles will be cleaned, repaired and stored at the hub before and after paramedics take them out on their shifts at community ambulance stations across the Black Country.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Chris Kowalik said work has started on the Dudley site.

Infection

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Later the project will move to overhauling the workshops on the site.

The Dudley hub will also move to become a round the clock operation as a result of the changes.

Tenants ready for meetings

A SERIES of tenants and residents association meetings is being held across Dudley next month.

The groups discuss many issues relating to their estates and ideas of how they can help to make improvements to better residents' lives.

The following meetings are scheduled throughout November and are open to tenants and residents within the area.

Others will also be staged.

Brierley Hill: Pensnett Forum, forum meeting, November 1, Pensnett Community Centre at 7pm; Hawbush TRA, annual general meeting/closure down meeting, November 9, St Pauls at 7pm.

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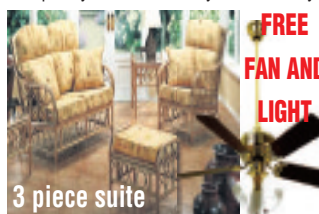
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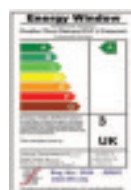
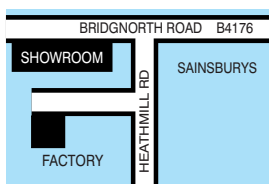
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Dogged law staff raise £800

STAFF from a Black Country law firm stepped out for a walk by the River Severn – and raised nearly £800 for charity.

The QualitySolicitors Talbots team, based in Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Dudley, Wolverhampton and Codsall walked 14 miles from Bewdley to Bridgnorth – and some did the trek back as well.

The proceeds go to the Chris Westwood Charity for Children, which supports youngsters with physical disabilities.

Charity chairman Chris Westwood joined staff on the first Talbots Walkathon.

Family

Martyn Morgan, senior partner with QualitySolicitors Talbots and a co-trustee of the charity, said: "It was a great event, with walkers joined by friends and a few family pets."

"I greatly appreciate the support of our staff who helped us raise nearly £800 for the Chris Westwood charity."

Mr Westwood added: "It was a great day, and although not all of us walked the full route, we are grateful yet again for the excellent support the charity receives from QualitySolicitors Talbots and its staff."

"We run the charity with zero expense, meaning every penny raised will go to deserving children in the local area."



Rosie the dog is the centre of attention at the walk, flanked by, from left, Izabela Sztalinger, Chris Westwood and Martyn Morgan

Noise nuisance fear over plans to extend pub room

FEARS have been raised that the proposed extension of a function room at a Stourbridge pub could lead to residents being disturbed by "blaring music".

The Broadway Inn, Norton, was recently sold to new owners. Speculation has mounted among nearby residents as to its future use.

The previous licensees, Jane and Keith Johnson, took over the pub in June 2010 but closed it in February and later revealed that they had struggled to make ends meet.

The pub, on the corner of The Broadway and Windsor Road, was put on the market for £345,000. Paul Reilly, of Christie & Co estate agents, confirmed that the sale had now been completed but declined to name the buyer.

An application has now been made to Dudley Council by Dudley-based SEP Properties Ltd, of Stone Street, to extend the function room but not to change the use of the pub.

One letter of objection, from a couple in Windsor Road, has been sent to planners, complaining that local residents have put up with years of noise, litter and nuisance from the site.

Music

It states: "There are a lot of elderly residents living in The Broadway, Whittington Road, Heath Farm Road and Windsor Road who should be able to have some peace at night, not the blaring music, banging car doors, shouting and swearing and people sitting talking and smoking until the early hours of the morning."

Dudley environmental protection officers have reported concerns that noise from the larger function room may affect neighbouring residents.

They are recommending that if the application is approved, the building should be constructed in a way to prevent excessive noise from spreading.

One local resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "I've seen pub tables outside but when I asked some men in vans who were there whether they were being taken in or coming out they wouldn't tell me."

"It's all very hush-hush, although from the plans put into the council it doesn't look like it's going to change from being a pub."

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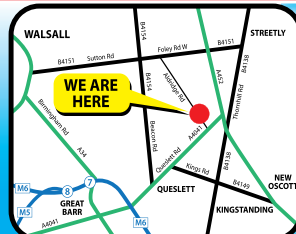
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Driver died of natural causes

A STOURBRIDGE bus driver died from a cancerous tumour days after being admitted to hospital with shortness of breath, an inquest heard.

Doctors did not realise that the tumour had been growing in 47-year-old Mark Simon's bowel for months.

The hearing at Dudley Coroners' Court was told that Mr Simon's weight of 19 stone and fluid that had built up around his abdomen made it difficult to identify the "mass".

His partner, Tanya Priest, said Mr Simon had told his GP that he suffered bleeding from his bowels in the weeks up to his death.

Issue

But when he was admitted to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital on July 29, doctors originally thought the abdomen problems were "a separate issue".

Mr Simon, of Albert Street, Stourbridge, suffered a fatal cardiac arrest when taken for an x-ray on August 10 amid fears his bowel could have been perforated.

Mr Simon's non-Hodgkins lymphoma was only revealed by a post mortem.

Dr Kenneth Scott, who conducted the postmortem examination, said: "The tumour was so aggressive that even if it had been diagnosed much earlier the treatment would have had little effect."

Last week Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that Mr Simon died of natural causes.

Children riveted by toolbox skills



Ollie Shea-Quinn, left, aged three, and two-year-old Anya Detheridge learn the tricks of the trade from apprentice Jake Williams, 18, of Lovell Partnership Ltd

YOUNGSTERS at a Dudley nursery were given some tips from apprentices at a Brierley Hill housebuilding firm.

Forty five children, aged two to four, watched intently as apprentices from Lovell Partnership Ltd, Jake Williams, 18, and 20-year-old Sam Gaden, showed them how to make wooden toolboxes.

Debbie Ions, child care manager at the

Priory Children's Centre nursery in Limes Road, said: "They loved it. In fact, you could say they were riveted by it."

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Taxpayers bear the £2m cost of clearing litter

LITTERBUGS and fly-tippers blighting Black Country towns are costing Dudley Council millions of pounds each year.

The council spent more than £2.1 million in the 2010-11 financial year to remove litter.

Another £100,000 went on removing graffiti from council-owned walls and monuments.

The council also laid out £45,115 to clear up fly-tipping.

Councillor Patrick Harley, cabinet member for transportation at Dudley Council, said: "It is a disgrace that local authorities are forced to spend taxpayers' money clearing up mindless, irresponsible people who litter our streets."

"However, we are committed to keeping the Dudley borough a clean place for people to live and work."

More than 2,000 tons of litter was collected in Wolverhampton last year – enough to fill 268 double decker buses with rubbish.

Materials
Wolverhampton City Council said its total spend on street cleaning, including litter picking, was over £2.9m in the last financial year. An estimated £1m on top of that was spent dealing with fly-tipping.

Another £56,149 was spent in manpower and materials to clean graffiti off public property.

Alistair Merrick of Wolverhampton City Council, said: "Offences such as these are a blight on our city."

"Not only do they make Wolverhampton look untidy and unwelcoming but it also costs taxpayers' lots of money yearly to clear up," he said.

The funding will also mean pre-driver courses carried out by Year 11 pupils and college students will be modified to incorporate air quality considerations and discourage engine idling.

The project will get under way in the coming months and run until the end of 2012.

Champion Nick is the brightest spark



Nick Rose won the skills final for his welding

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Nick, of Cot Lane, Kingswinford, said: "I was really pleased to be entered by the college, so to win was great."

Nick's lecturer Andy Whitehouse said he had applied everything he learned at college to win the award.

He said: "We are all very proud of him and wish him every success for the future."

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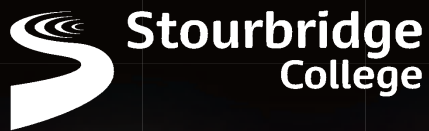
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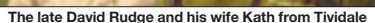


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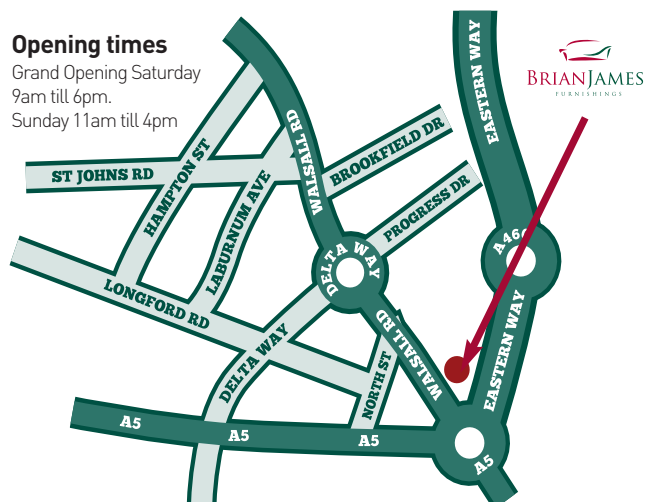
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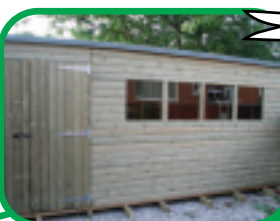
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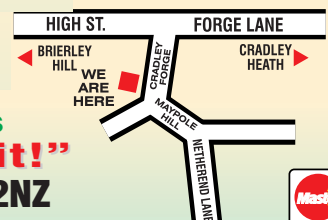


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Saturday 12th November sees the launch of Zumbatomic classes at The Kingswinford School: 0930-10am Lil Starz, 10.15 - 11am (4-7yrs) Big Starz (8-12yrs), this first class will be FREE OF CHARGE.

Carolines Tan and Nails now offers spray tans and Shellac on a Thursday night at The Kingswinford School between 6.30 - 9.30pm. Spray tans are £15pp and Shellac £20 pp, to book please contact Caroline on: 075 821 400 98.

Suzannes 2nd year is sure to be as exciting, with further views for expanding and the launch in January of Booiaka classes.

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The Saturdays on the cover of their latest single My Heart Takes Over and (below) Vanessa White

Saturdays soon to be On Your Radar

If you haven't picked up on the Saturdays by now, they will be On Your Radar from November 21.

It has been three years since the band first troubled the charts with debut release If This Is Love. Some 11 singles later, they have gone on to become the country's favourite – and most glamorous – girl band and are about to embark on their first arena tour. And the baby of the group, Vanessa White, cannot wait.

The quintet have been busy rehearsing for the 12-date tour, which kicks off in Bournemouth on December 2 and hits the LG Arena, Birmingham on December 8.

"We love touring and performing and we can't wait to get started," the Yeovil-born songstress told The Chronicle. "It's our first arena tour, so it's the big one for us, really. It's all very exciting."

Before that, the band's new single My Heart Takes Over is out on November 13. It will be third track, following Notorious and All Fired Up, from the third studio album, entitled On Your Radar. Previous singles have shown a marked difference from the Saturdays' earlier

material. Vanessa, who turns 22 on Sunday (30), said she was looking forward to the release.

"We've had a lot more input than ever before and put a lot of time into it," she said. "So it's a lot more personal to us."

The Saturdays' previous tour spawned a fly-on-the-wall mini-documentary series, The Saturdays: What Goes On Tour. Although there are no concrete plans for a follow-up, Vanessa said talks had taken place over a similar series in America.

Attention

This year's Valentine's Day date at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall also saw young Kyle Orchard present a red rose to each band member. So, what does Vanessa think of all the male attention? Simply: "It's very flattering."

Tour dates finish on December 18 before another new single is released in the New Year ahead of another significant date, the birth of bandmate Una Healy's baby in March, with Vanessa readily admitting they were all "looking forward to being aunties."

A Hard Knock Life for boozy Miss Hannigan

BUBBLY actress and comedienne Su Pollard is heading back to Wolverhampton to play boozy Miss Hannigan one more time as the hard touring musical Annie comes to the end of the road.

Nottingham-born Su has fond memories of the Grand Theatre, she was in panto there just before she landed the TV role of Peggy the chalet maid in fondly remembered 1980s holiday camp sit-com Hi-de-Hi!

Su, who has lived in London for 35 years, said she loved the gypsy lifestyle of being in a touring show and has played Miss Hannigan on-and-off for eight years.

When she wasn't in the role it was played by her good friend Ruth Madoc, who played her Hi-de-Hi! nemesis Gladys Pugh.

"I think Annie is one of the classic musicals," said Su. "It has such a positive message, especially for times such as these. It's about never giving up hope."

Su has a ball as the drunken orphanage boss whose family try to cash-in on little orphan Annie's new found riches, when she is adopted by Daddy Warbucks.

"I think poor Miss Hannigan is much misunderstood," said Su.

"Look at the poor woman. She has no life. She is stuck in that orphanage 24-7. She has to put up with these pasty-faced orphans singing and giggling all the time. No wonder she's hit the bottle!"

Su revealed that her drink-sodden dragon is based on a real person whom

Su Pollard as Miss Hannigan



she encountered back home in Nottingham.

"It's the butcher's wife," said Su. "She was a lovely lady but was a borderline alcoholic. As a result she was rather unkempt, her hair all skewwhiff. Life had got too much for her and so she was on the gin. Miss Hannigan is

much the same, except she's on the Jack Daniels."

One of Su's most notorious TV appearances involved someone who had hit the bottle. She was the unfortunate other guest on the night the late Oliver Reed made his notorious drunken appearance on the Michael Aspel chat show.

"Poor Oliver, he had been at a wedding reception all day and had called at a pub on the way to the studio," remembered Su.

Cultured

"He thought he had a reputation to live up to of being inebriated and a bit dangerous and it got out of hand that night. He was actually a very nice man, he later invited me to have dinner with him at The Ivy and he didn't touch a drop that night. Though he didn't actually use the word 'sorry', he did say he had been 'a bit out of order'."

Su was also keen to pay tribute to the recently deceased David Croft, who created Hi-de-Hi! with co-writer Jimmy Perry, and gave her the plum role of dotty Peggy Ollerenshaw.

"I owe him a lot," said Su. "He was a very cultured man and he would also take a risk on casting a relatively unknown actor or actress, such as myself at the time."

Su is looking forward to joining the Tomorrow musical for one more turn at the Hard Knock Life before this version of the show finally comes to an end. Then she plans to hit the road again next year in her own one-woman show.

Annie will be staged at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday, November 1, until Saturday, November 5.

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MERLIN

BBC1, 8.10pm

Arthur and his brave warriors may be knights of the Round Table, but unlike the protagonists of hit musical Spamalot, they can't dance whenever they're able. Instead, as we see in this episode, they clash with the likes of the formidable Queen Annis. With thousands of lives hanging in the balance, Arthur must find the strength to become the leader his people so desperately need. Bradley James (Arthur) and Colin Morgan (Merlin) are present and correct as usual, while the sublime Lindsay Duncan (these days best known for her work in Doctor Who) guest stars as Annis. The rest of the cast includes housewives' favourite Anthony Head and Richard Wilson.

6.00 Breakfast. **8.30** Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage from the Buddh International Circuit. **11.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix – Qualifying. **2.00** Live Rugby League. England v Wales (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** A Question of Sport. (R) **5.40** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson. (R)

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly introduce the 11 remaining couples, who don their most ghoulish and bewitching costumes to perform in a Halloween spectacular.

8.10 Merlin. Arthur faces his first true test as king. **8.55** Casualty. Lloyd helps an elderly patient suspected of wasting the staff's time.

9.45 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. OJ Borg announces the all-important numbers.

9.55 BBC News; Weather. **10.15** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Chelsea v Arsenal.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Swing Time. (1936) Musical, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. **1.40** Film: Bye Bye Birdie. (1963) Musical, starring Dick Van Dyke. **3.30** Coast. (R) **3.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.40** Great British Food Revival. (R) **5.40** Flog It! (R)

6.40 Operation Jericho. A Second World War RAF mission to free French Resistance fighters. (R)

7.40 'Allo 'Allo! Rene joins the Resistance. (R)

8.10 Dad's Army. Mainwaring's men pose as traitors. (R)

8.40 Code-Breakers: Bletchley Park's Lost Heroes. Keeley Hawes narrates the story of how a duo unravelled the secrets of Adolf Hitler's personal code machine – reputedly even more secure than the notorious Enigma device. (R)

9.40 Qi XL. With Sandi Toksvig, Clive Anderson and Henning Wehn. (R)

10.25 Laughs in the Park. Highlights from the comedy festival.

11.25 TOTP2: Halloween Special. Steve Wright presents an edition featuring spooky-themed clips from the pop archive. (R)

12.25 Film: Halloween. (1978) Horror, starring Jamie Lee Curtis. **1.55** Later with Jools Holland. (R) **2.00** Film: (GMT) Ginger Snaps. (2000) Canadian horror, starring Katharine Isabelle and Emily Perkins. **3.40** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.15** CITV. **9.25** Coronation Street. **12.10** This Morning: Saturday. **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** 100% You've Been Framed! (R) **2.15** Film: Babe: Pig in the City. (1998) Family comedy sequel, with Magda Szubanski. **4.00** Film: Bean. (1997) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **5.35** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 The Chase. New series. Celebrity version of the quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.

7.00 New You've Been Framed! Featuring a woman falling foul of a chipmunk.

7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. A comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary hosts the fourth live studio round as the 10 remaining acts battle to get one step closer to that life-changing recording contract. The results can be seen tomorrow at 8pm.

9.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: James Corden. New series. The actor and comedy writer is interviewed.

10.45 ITV News; Weather. **11.00** Film: Constantine. (2005) Supernatural thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** (GMT) Kojak. (R) **4.00** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** (GMT) ITV Morning News.

6.05 Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** Commonwealth Mountain and Ultra Distance Championships. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Smallville. (R) **9.50** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.50** T4: Inside SBTV: From Bedroom to Boardroom. **11.20** T4: Shipwrecked: A Look Back. (R) **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.45** The Simpsons. With the voices of Lucy Lawless and Tom Arnold. (R)

7.15 Channel 4 News. **7.45** World War II: The Last Heroes. A re-creation of a momentous battle in Normandy.

8.45 Jamie's Great Britain. Jamie Oliver explores the origins of Britain's favourite dishes. (R)

9.45 FILM: Ghosts of Girlfriends Past. (2009) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner.

11.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut.

12.35 Rude Tube. (R) **1.35** Film: Friday the 13th. (2009) Premiere. Horror remake, starring Jared Padalecki. **2.10** Film: (GMT) Baazi. (1951) Bollywood musical, starring Dev Anand. **4.40** Countdown. (R) **5.25** Sali Mali. (R) **5.30** The Hoobs. (R) **5.55** (GMT) Paralympic Wheelchair Rugby GB Cup 2011. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.20** Highland Emergency. (R) **11.50** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.50** Big Brother: The Eviction Interview. (R) **1.20** Film: They Were Expendable. (1945) Second World War drama, with John Wayne. **3.55** Film: Gun for a Coward. (1956) Western, starring Fred MacMurray. **5.40** 5 News Weekend. **5.45** Film: Brannigan. (1975) Detective thriller, starring John Wayne.

8.00 FILM: A Fistful of Dollars. (1964) A nameless gunslinger rides into a town split by feuding families, and plays them off against each other. Sergio Leone's Western, starring Clint Eastwood and Gian Maria Volonte.

9.45 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.45 FILM: Kickboxer. (1989) A martial arts fighter seeks revenge on the Thai champion who paralysed his brother in a fight. Action thriller, with Jean-Claude Van Damme.

12.35 SuperCasino. **4.00** (GMT) The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.15 The Only Way Is Essex **4.45** Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **7.00** Four of a Kind **8.00** Britain's Biggest Babies **9.00** Grimefighters **9.30** Kelly Clarkson: The Hot Desk **9.45** The Xtra Factor **10.45** Celebrity Juice **11.30** Peter Andre: My Life **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
1.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.00** A Touch of Frost **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Foyle's War **11.15** Film: Air America (1990)

ITV4
2.50 Film: Moonraker (1979) **5.20** Film: The Sting (1973) **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Barb Wire (1996) **11.00** Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club **11.45** Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985)

BBC THREE
7.00 Wallace & Gromit's Cracking Contraptions **7.10** Wallace & Gromit Film: Madagascar (2005) **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Film: Lesbian Vampire Killers (2009) **11.10** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Life **8.00** Agony & Ecstasy: A Year with English National Ballet **9.00** Wallander: Firewall **10.25** Secret Life of Ice **11.25** The Slap

E4
3.55 Made in Chelsea **5.00** Samantha Who? **5.30** Scrubs **6.25** The Big Bang Theory **7.25** Happy Endings **7.50** How I Met Your Mother **8.50** The Big Bang Theory **9.45** Film: Zoolander (2001) **11.25** Misfits

FILM4
2.45 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965) **5.20** Robots (2005) **7.05** Taxi (2004) **9.00** Rush Hour 3 (2007) **10.45** Hitman (2007)

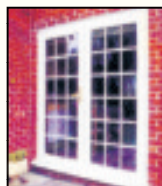
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ITV1, 7pm

Without a shadow of a doubt, Phillip Schofield is the most likeable man on telly. If he's not bringing us the news and celebrity gossip of a morning, he can often be found consoling the latest crop of contestants beaten by his large Perspex box. The Cube enjoyed phenomenal success in its first three series, stopping along the way to pick up a Bafta Award, as the masses continually tuned in to shout at their televisions each week. Well, now Phillip and his box are back to test the skill and determination of more hopefuls who'll learn the hard way that it's a very different kettle of fish when you're actually in there and attempting to complete the challenge yourself.

6.00 (GMT) Breakfast. 7.00 Match of the Day. (R) 8.30 Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix - Live. The 17th round of the season from the Buddh International Circuit (Start-time 9.30am). 12.00 The Politics Show: Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.10 Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix. (R) 4.10 Frozen Planet. (R) 5.10 Points of View. 5.25 Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. Rural life in Northumberland and the Farne Islands. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.25 Strictly Come Dancing. The result is announced.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From the Great Hall at the University of Birmingham.

9.00 Da Vinci: The Lost Treasure. A recently discovered painting by Leonardo da Vinci.

10.00 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Extended edition, hosted by Lee Mack.

11.10 Ask Rhod Gilbert. With Nick Hewer, Jenny Eclair and Christian O'Connell. (R)

11.45 FILM: Smart People. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 Sign Zone: Film 2011 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) 2.00 Hobby City. (R) 3.00 A Farmer's Life for Me. (R) 4.00 BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies: (GMT) Zigby. 6.10 The Large Family. (R) 6.20 Garth and Bev. (R) 6.35 Diddap. (R) 6.40 Giggibiz. (R) 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 Great British Food Revival. (R) 12.30 Flog It! (R) 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Film: Tara Road. (2005) Drama, starring Andie MacDowell and Olivia Williams. 4.30 Film: Miss Potter. (2006)

6.00 The Teaching Awards 2011.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson races against the rotation of the Earth. (R)

8.00 Tintin's Adventure with Frank Gardner. The cartoon character's origins.

9.00 Louis Theroux: America's Most Dangerous Pets. Wild animals being kept by homeowners in America.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Tottenham Hotspur v Queens Park Rangers.

10.50 Fast and Loose. Featuring Justin Edwards, Humphrey Ker and Jess Ransom. (R)

11.20 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. With Adam Buxton, Reggie Yates, Margaret Cho, Dymalo and Beverley Knight. (R)

11.50 FILM: Halloween 6: The Curse of Michael Myers. (1995)

1.15 Film: Ginger Snaps Unleashed. (2004) 2.45 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.15 CITV. 9.25 Monk. 9.30 Horrid Henry. 9.45 Planet Sketch. (R) 9.50 Film: Yu-Gi-Oh! (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Dan Green. 11.30 Film: Nim's Island. (2008) Premiere. Comedy adventure, starring Jodie Foster. 1.15 ITV News: Weather. 1.30 Live FA Cup: First-Round Draw. Coverage from Wembley Stadium. 2.00 The X Factor. (R) 3.45 Down to Earth. (R) 5.00 The Betty Driver Show. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmes.

6.15 ITV News: Weather.

6.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. A comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

7.00 The Cube. New series.

8.00 The X Factor. The results, with performances by Cher Lloyd and Nicole Scherzinger.

9.00 Downton Abbey. A new development stuns the family.

10.15 That Sunday Night Show. With Louie Spence and Harry Redknapp.

10.45 ITV News: Weather.

11.00 Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son. The family of murdered teenager Leanne Tiernan. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the seventh round of fixtures. 12.55 The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming: ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Motorsport UK. 2.50 ITV News. 3.30 ITV Morning News.

6.50 The Great London Swim. 7.45 Channel 4 Presents - Nathan Stephens "The Sharp End". (R) 7.50 T4: One Tree Hill. (R) 8.45 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.15 T4: Professor Green Unseen. 11.35 T4: Live and Lost: Rizzle Kicks. 11.40 T4: In Time: T4 Movie Special. 12.10 T4: Florence and the Machine: The T4 Interview. 12.20 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 12.50 T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. 1.50 Film: Picture Perfect. (1997) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. 3.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 4.20 Kirstie's Handmade Britain. (R) 5.25 Deal or No Deal: Bankenstein's Monsters.

6.20 Channel 4 News.

6.55 The Political Slot.

7.00 Grand Designs. A London home large enough to contain a sauna, spa and dance floor. (R)

8.00 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's vegetable patch is invaded by slugs.

9.00 The Secret Millionaire. Inventor Edward Douglas-Miller goes undercover in Norwich.

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. New series.

11.10 Derren Brown: The Gameshow. (R)

12.20 American Football Live. Philadelphia Eagles v Dallas Cowboys (Kick-off 12.00am). 4.10 Freesports on 4. 4.10 Chinese Modern Pastimes. (R) 4.55 Grudge Match. (R) 5.05 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building. (R) 5.10 Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: (GMT) Peppa Pig. 6.05 Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) 6.15 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.30 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 6.35 Mio Mao. (R) 6.45 Castle Farm. (R) 6.50 Igm Ogam. (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.10 The Save-Ums! (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.45 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina. 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.10 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.25 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 9.40 Animal Families. (R) 10.00 How Do They Do It? (R) 10.30 Great South Run Live. 12.30 Inside Hollywood. 12.40 Big Brother. (R) 1.40 Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) 2.40 Film: The Canterville Ghost. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Patrick Stewart. 4.25 Film: The Ghost of Greville Lodge. (2000) Family drama, starring George Cole.

6.10 FILM: Cats & Dogs. (2001) Comedy, starring Jeff Goldblum.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.05 Paul Merton's Adventures. (R)

9.00 Big Brother.

10.00 FILM: Kiss of the Dragon. (2001) Martial arts adventure, starring Jet Li.

11.55 UFC 66.

12.55 SuperCasino. 4.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 4.10 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 4.15 FBI Files. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.45 The Xtra Factor 4.45 Peter Andre: My Life 5.50 Film: You've Got Mail (1998) 8.05 The Planet's Funniest Animals 8.25 Grimefighters 9.00 The Xtra Factor. Including an interview with the eliminated act. 10.15 The Only Way Is Essex 11.00 Models, Misfits and Mayhem

ITV3
3.15 Film: Murder on the Orient Express (1974) 5.50 Fisherman's Friends 8.00 The Darling Buds of May 9.00 Film: Frantic (1988). Kidnap thriller, starring Harrison Ford. 11.20 Hornblower

ITV4
3.50 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) 7.00 Great South Run Highlights 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Unforgiven (1992) 11.40 Film: The Blues Brothers (1980)

BBC THREE
7.00 (GMT) Formula 1: The Indian Grand Prix Highlights 8.00 World's Strictest Parents Top 10 Tantrums 9.00 Gavin & Stacey 10.00 The Fades 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 (GMT) The Story of British Pathe 8.00 The Viking Sagas 9.00 Tales from the National Parks. Off-road vehicles cause anger in the Peak District. 10.00 Film: Cloud 9 (2008) 11.35 Tales from the National Parks

E4
3.25 Supersize vs Superskinny 4.30 Make It or Break It 5.20 Smallville 6.20 Film: Dr Dolittle (1998) 8.00 Film: X-Men (2000) 10.00 Misfits 11.00 Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty Hott Hot Show 11.40 Dead Set

FILM4
2.50 Murder Most Foul (1964) 4.35 The Thief of Bagdad (1940) 6.40 CutThroat Island (1995) 9.00 The Negotiator (1998) 11.40 The 51st State (2001)

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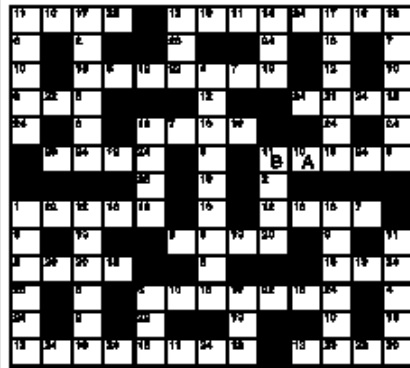
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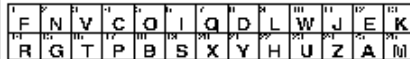
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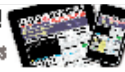
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- They shouldn't be drunk, for example, when doctors are around (5)
- Modified a date pad, perhaps (7)
- Cheddar, made by police (7)
- Billy followed a direction to aim (5)
- A spring located in a good position (4-6)
- A bottle in the last year (10)
- After a tonic, people may sing it (3-2)
- Ran site in a more discernible way (7)
- Does it overshadow an empty decanter? (7)
- A match for a god class (5)

Down

- People of an earlier age roughly dream aside (10)
- Increases the rent? (5)
- Wales second hand (4)
- It's prepared to hang (6)
- Change to a lesser action in Europe (8)
- Trusty stem (7)
- Peaceful man in the street (10)
- His creation an artist is deeply impressive (8)
- Placed for fairy tales? (7)
- Strip of Dundee origin (6)
- It's a crash out (5)
- Keep a broken vase (4)

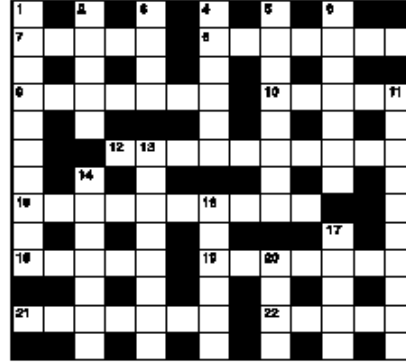
Quick Clues:

Across

- Sound (5)
- Slaughter (7)
- Cross (7)
- Punitive (5)
- Inability (10)
- Pleasant (10)
- Prong (5)
- Prop (7)
- Inlet (7)
- Worth (5)

Down

- Opponent (10)
- Nimble (5)
- Clay (4)
- Division (8)
- Suggestion (8)
- Artist (7)
- Printed matter (10)
- Fake (8)
- Cooped (7)
- Away (6)
- Robust (5)
- Scheme (4)



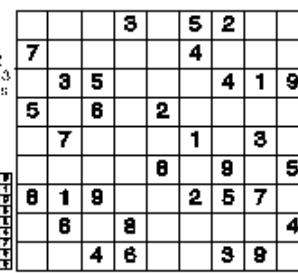
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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegram

Replace the question marks with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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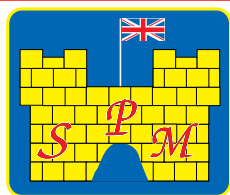
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A TRADITIONAL three-bedroom detached house, refurbished and modernised throughout, is on the market.

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It comprises entrance porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, extended lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, utility, three good size bedrooms, fitted bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage.

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The three-bedroomed detached home in Frederick Road, Wednesfield has gardens to front and rear

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The kitchen includes a five-ring gas hob and cooker

Views to the paddock from a village house

A "SHOWHOME-Styled" semi-detached property in a popular village with paddock field views to the front is for sale based on offers around £189,995.

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The lounge, 11ft 1in by 11ft 6in, has a living flame gas fire with fitted surround and French doors leading to the kitchen/diner, measuring 17ft 6in by 8ft 6in.

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Bathroom

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NEW STREET KINGSWINFORD



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BELLE VUE ROAD BRIERLEY HILL



575PCM

A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and rear garden with parking to the fore. UNFURNISHED

DSS: NO
CHILDREN: YES
PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

KING STREET CRADLEY HEATH



£425PCM

A well presented totally refurbished 2nd floor modern Apartment with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, kitchen with fridge/freezer and washing machine, bedroom and bathroom with new suite. The property further benefits from having wooden flooring throughout, electric storage heating and allocated parking space. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO CHILDREN: NO

KINGSWAY WOLLASTON



£430pcm

A three bedroom first floor flat close to local amenities and ideal for sharers. The accommodation comprises of: entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from GCH and double glazing. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO Smokers: NO Pets: No Children: YES



BISHOPS WALK CRADLEY HEATH

A most desirable five bedroom detached family home situated in a much sought after residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, utility room downstairs WC, five bedrooms master with en-suite shower room and family bathroom. The property further benefits from having double garage rear garden, gas central heating and double glazing. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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GRANGE LANE WOLLESCOTE

A delightful traditional Three Bedroom Detached property in a popular location and benefiting from Gas Central Heating, Large Rear Garden and Double (Tandem) Garage. The property further benefits from useful Off Road Parking to the fore, with patio area and lawn with mature shrubs, in the Large Garden. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£895PCM



DERRY CLOSE HARBOURNE

A Spacious three bedroom semi detached property with access to the University and Queen Elizabeth Hospital with accommodation to comprise of: Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and separate WC. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, garden, garage and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£695PCM



RASTRICK CLOSE BRIDGNORTH

A superb brand new three bedroom mid terrace property in this new and popular development with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, WC, three bedrooms, Ensuite and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, garage, off road parking, fore garden and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£650PCM



CHAPEL STREET PENSNETT

A Three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, WC and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£595PCM



DERWENT CLOSE PENSNETT

A good three bedroom semi detached property in need of some TLC with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having partial double glazing, electric storage heating, detached garage, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: YES CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: YES

£595PCM



BIRCHWOOD WALK KINGSWINFORD

A spacious and well maintained, modern semi detached two bedroom bungalow situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, and to the rear of the property there is an attractive rear garden and garage. PART FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£575PCM



ALBERT STREET LYE

A well presented and totally refurbished three bedroom mid terrace property in popular residential location, to comprise: Lounge, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby and bathroom, two bedrooms on first floor and third bedroom in attic. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and rear yard. UNFURNISHED DSS: MAY CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£550PCM



HIGH STREET WORDSLEY

A well presented two bedroom semi detached property in the heart of Wordsley, Accommodation comprises of lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. Viewing is highly recommended. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: YES SMOKERS: NO

£530PCM



GEORGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A Well presented two bedroom Mid Terraced property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, through lounge diner, fully fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms & bathroom. The property further benefits from having off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS: NO

£525PCM



RUFFORD ROAD STOURBRIDGE

An extremely well presented three bedroom property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge, fitted kitchen, utility, downstairs WC, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and front and rear gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£525PCM



STOURBRIDGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A well presented two bedroom second floor Apartment situated close to Halesowen Town Centre with accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hall, private entrance door, lounge with airing and storage cupboard off, fitted kitchen, double bedroom with en-suite shower room and further bedroom. The property further benefits from double glazing and electric storage heating. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£500pcm



COPPICE ROAD CRADLEY HEATH

A well presented Two Bedroom house in a popular location. Accommodation comprises: Lounge with gas fire, Diner also with gas fire, Kitchen with both wall and base units and additional storage room. Bedroom Two has fitted wardrobes and Bathroom with shower. The property also benefits from double glazing and both front and rear gardens. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO DSS: NO

£495PCM



VALLEY ROAD LYE

A Spacious three bedroom mid terraced property with accommodation to comprise of: Lounge, inner lobby with cellarette, rear lobby, galley kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing and part walled garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£495PCM



BEECHCROFT PEDMORE ROAD LYE

A three bedroom mid terrace property close to all amenities and has accommodation to comprise: lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, cellar and three bedrooms. The property also has double glazing, central heating and a small rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: YES

£495PCM



THE MILLYARD WOLLASTON

A very well presented characteristic two bedroom apartment situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Porch, reception hall, sitting room, kitchen, utility room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£450PCM



SCOTT STREET HEATHFIELD TIPTON

An extremely well presented two bedroom ground floor flat situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of hall, kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking. FURNISHED Furniture to include: BEDROOM Double Bed and bedside cabinet, SMALL BEDROOM Bed Settee, LOUNGE Table & 4 Chairs, Chest of Drawers, TV Stand, Bookcase, Coffee Table and Curved Settee, KITCHEN Washer, Cooker & Fridge Freezer. UNFURNISHED DSS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: YES DSS: MAY PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£425 PCM



HIGH STREET WORDSLEY

A well presented two bedroom terraced property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of entrance, lounge, kitchen and bathroom and two bedrooms. The property further benefits from gas central heating and parking at rear. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO CHILDREN: YES

£425PCM



CHARWOOD COURT PEDMORE

An extremely well presented two bedroom spacious ground floor apartment situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Communal entrance, private entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from central heating, communal clothes drying area, brick built store and communal parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO CHILDREN: YES SMOKERS: NO

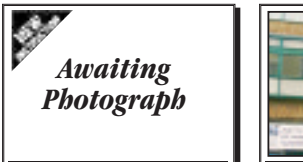
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COLUMBUS AVENUE MERRY HILL

A One bedroom second floor apartment located in the popular Merry Hill Centre close to all amenities. Accommodation comprises of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. The property further benefits from electric heating, double glazing and underground parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO CHILDREN: NO SMOKERS: NO

£425PCM



MORVALE GARDENS LYE

A recently re-furnished two bedroom first floor flat with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall with staircase to first floor, landing, L shaped lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, communal grounds and en-bloc garage. Bathroom having suite with shower over bath. The property further benefits from Communal Gardens, Allocated Parking and shared on store. Part furnished. UNFURNISHED DSS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£425PCM



LOWER HIGH STREET STOURBRIDGE

An extremely well presented second floor apartment, situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking space with communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£395 PCM



FOXDALE DRIVE BRIERLEY HILL

A two bedroom ground floor apartment situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation to comprise of: Private entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from double glazing, communal gardens and allocated parking. PART FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKING: NO

£375PCM



DOVE DRIVE AMBLECOTE

A well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower and double bedroom. The property further benefits from gas fire, electric panel heating and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: No Pets: No Children: No Smokers: No

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£375PCM



NORTHGATE CRADLEY HEATH

An extremely well presented one bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking space with communal gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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Journalists head for hills in sporty new Astra GTCs



Journalists were given a practice run and a timed round at Loton Park



From left, club instructor Tim Cross, of Claverley, clerk of the course Jim Gaze of Bridgnorth and course marshal John Mould, from Stourbridge, with vehicle dynamics manager Gerry Baker and GTC product manager Douglas McCollm, of Vauxhall

THE UK's oldest surviving car manufacturer Vauxhall chose two Midlands speed hill climb venues to launch its new Astra GTC to the nation's journalists this week.

First in line to host the event was Hagley Car Club at Loton Park, near Shrewsbury, one of the longest tracks in the country.

Drivers were taken up the twisting course by experienced local instructors,

who themselves regularly compete at the venue. Each journalist was then given one practice run and one competitive timed run to put the new car through its paces.

MSA Clerk of the Course, Jim Gaze, commented: "We don't really expect any problems, but Vauxhall have brought a couple of extra cars just in case anybody gets too enthusiastic."

"This course is rated as being one of the most demanding tracks in the country and we are sure that the journalists will have a

great opportunity to enjoy themselves and also to judge the performance of the cars at first hand."

The second venue for the launch was historic Shelsley Walsh, where original Vauxhalls competed in the early 1900s, and once again the drivers pitted themselves against the clock in the latest company offerings.

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THE MOST important focus throughout the development of the new 2012 Civic was safety – not just for the occupants of the car but other road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists.

"Honda has a high tech crash test facility in Tochigi, Japan. There we were able to crash the new Civic into vehicles of different weights and sizes, and at different angles and speeds. We wanted to make sure that we are offering the best 'real world' safety for our customers," said Mitsuru Kariya, Civic development leader.

One of the ways that this is achieved in the new Civic is through the Advanced Compatibility Engineering body structure.

This is a front-mounted polygonal frame that is designed to prevent the cabin becoming deformed by distributing forces away from the passenger compartment.

Warning

"Just as important as technology that protects you in a crash is technology that helps you avoid an accident in the first place" said Kariya. "This is the first time that the CMBS system has been introduced on the Civic in Europe."

Honda's Collision Mitigation Braking System (CMBS) monitors the distance and closing rate between the vehicle and the car directly in front of it, warning the driver when a collision is likely and helping reduce impact when a collision becomes unavoidable. The technology automatically assists with heavy braking and tightens the seatbelts to reduce loading on the driver during an accident.

The new Civic also features sophisticated pedestrian protection features.

"I am very proud that Honda has a leading reputation for pedestrian safety. It's an area in the new Civic that has been constantly worked upon," said Julian Warren, senior safety engineer.

Pedestrian protection features include windscreen wiper pivots designed to break away on impact and energy absorbing front wing mounts.

The last of five films on the development of the new Civic features Honda engineers discussing safety technology. The video can be viewed at www.youtube.com/hondavideo

The new 2012 Civic was unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September and order books at Honda dealerships are now open.

Cars will arrive in dealerships during January.



The new braking system monitors the distance from the car in front

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Dan Harrison, editor of

HonestJohn.co.uk, commented: "Nothing gets our users going quite like fuel economy; when consumption in real life fails to live up to the official published figure, they soon let us know about it."

"So it's good to be able to reward the models which come closest to matching – or improving on the official fuel consumption figure and the Hyundai i10 Blue is one of the best examples of this by genuinely delivering over 60mpg in real-world driving."

Tony Whitehorn, Hyundai Motor UK managing director, said: "Hyundai is

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The Citroën DS5 includes a new generation Lane Departure Warning System and colour driving information

New DS5 is packed with safety features

THE NEW Citroën DS5 has a five-star safety rating in the latest round of Euro NCAP crash tests, along with an impressive 97 per cent score in the Safety Assist category.

The third model in the critically acclaimed DS line, Citroën DS5 boasts dynamic and reassuring road manners, a reinforced body structure and a range of high-performance, protection-enhancing technologies.

Safety features include Electronic Brakeforce Distribution, Emergency Brake Assist, Intelligent Traction Control, an advanced speed-limiter/cruise control system and a cornering light function.

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- A colour head-up display that shows key driving information – such as speed, speed-limiter/cruise control and navigation system settings – in the driver's field of vision.

Innovative

Everyday peace of mind is ensured by innovative services including the Citroën eTouch Emergency & Assistance system, which earned DS5, together with Citroën's other latest models, the Euro NCAP Advanced award. This accolade is given to innova-

tive systems that ensure the highest safety levels, whilst retaining mass market affordability.

The Citroën eTouch system automatically or manually makes emergency or assistance calls, using a built-in SIM card, for precise vehicle localisation and rapid intervention in the event of an accident or if the car has become immobilised.

Linda Jackson, Citroën UK's Managing Director, said: "Attention to safety is paramount in any Citroën model and we're delighted that New DS5 has performed so well in the latest Euro NCAP tests."

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Double delight for Old Halesonians

Coventry City & University 1 Old Halesonians 4
OLD HALESONIANS firsts bounced back from last week's hockey defeat with victory over new side Coventry City & University.
Captain Doug Houghton opened the scoring early on in the game, when he slapped the ball into the goal from a cross by Harry Hughes. They got a second from a penalty corner when Paul Woodall

deflected the ball into the goal. Houghton turned provider for the third, finding Graham Knight with time and space to flick the ball over the diving Coventry keeper.
In the second half Tom Bulteel, who had gone close himself, squared the ball for Hughes to tap in from two yards. Coventry grabbed a consolation goal when they were quickest to react after James Jones saved a penalty corner.

Old Halesonians 5 North Notts 0
Old Halesonians firsts enjoyed sweet revenge against North Notts on Sunday.
The visitors had put Hales out of the England Hockey Trophy last year but it was a different story this time round.
Chris Wattleby opened the scoring, chipping the keeper, and Tom Bulteel added a second from close range.

In the second half Bulteel crowned a winding run with a powerful finish into the top corner for the third goal.
Paul Woodall got the fourth from a short corner and Graham Knight's rounded off the scoring with a cheeky finish through the keeper's legs.
Results: Old Hales 2nds 3 Shrewsbury 3, Old Hales 3rds 10 Stone 0, Stourport 5 Old Hales 4ths 1, Old Hales 2 Old Hales 5ths 0, Old Hales Ladies 2 Worcester 0.

BILLINGHAM WINS IT IN STOUR FIGHTBACK

Stourbridge 2 Redditch United 1

STOURBRIDGE came from behind to overcome Evo-Stik Southern Premier rivals Redditch United and earn a place in the next round of the FA Trophy.

The Glassboys are doing battle on two cup fronts, with the winners of Saturday's home clash with Rushall going into the first round proper of the FA Cup. Following a scrappy opening spell, the hosts had a let-off on Saturday after eight minutes when Sean Geddes was dispossessed and the ball was worked across to Lee Osborne but he fired over from 18 yards. Stourbridge replied 10 minutes later with Geddes delivering a low free-kick from the left towards the near post where a glancing touch from Ryan Rowe flew wide of Redditch keeper Dean Coleman's right-hand post.

A good move from the visitors on 22 minutes might have yielded a better reward when Tom Warner sprayed a pass out to Cameron Jones, whose incisive through ball set up Osborne for a weak shot was saved by Lewis Solly.

Play quickly switched to the other end where Aaron Drake exchanged passes with Rowe before driving in an angled shot that was parried away by Coleman.

But it was Redditch who opened the scoring. The home side were caught as a flick from Jermaine Hylton sent Connor Deards away. He skipped past Paul McCone before sliding a low shot past Solly.

Stourbridge looked for an immediate response and Geddes rolled a quickly-taken free-kick into the path of Rowe but Coleman was equal to his long-range shot. As half-time approached a flick from Rowe broke to Aaron Drake but he shot wide.

Winner

But just when it looked as if the visitors would hold the lead at the break, the Glassboys equalised in the last minute of the half when a corner from Geddes was powered home by the head of Sam Smith.

The hosts held the upper hand following the re-start and they grabbed the winner on 55 minutes.

Rowe threaded the ball into the path of Ben Billingham on the right-hand side and Coleman was unable to keep out his low shot.

The Glassboys threatened again three minutes later with Geddes finding Drake, who cut in from the right before flashing a shot wide of the far post.

Redditch hit back with Osborne heading wide.

Sam Rock had a chance to increase the Glassboys' advantage on 66 minutes when a loose defensive header dropped to his feet, but he blazed over from the edge of the box.

Six minutes later Rowe's low snap-shot was held by Coleman.

Redditch went closest through Alex Hickman in a scramble but the home side took the win.

Saxons lose out to last play of match



Cinderford's Will Foden feels the force of Saxons winger Sam Baker and Ben Hughes

STOURBRIDGE Saxons came within a whisker of bagging a vital victory at fellow National One strugglers Cinderford.

But they were edged out by just two points with the Forest of Dean side securing the win with the final play of the match.

Stourbridge were behind as early as the second minute, Mike Wilcox touching down in the right corner after Nev Codlin had created the opening.

Mark Woodrow kicked a penalty for Saxons on seven minutes after Cinderford hooker Tom Bozzard handled in the ruck and a second successful kick followed soon after when Bozzard's backchat saw the referee advance a penalty 10 vital metres.

Rory Teague missed a kickable penalty from around 30 metres, but the Foresters regained the lead on 22 minutes when Kai Done broke through the Stourbridge defence after a spell of pressure on the line.

Yet the lead changed hands again when the Saxons bagged their first try, Sam Robinson going over off from close range, Woodrow adding the extras.

Cinderford 32 Stourbridge Saxons 30

Teague found his range three minutes before the break to slot a penalty for 13-13.

With the wind at their backs, Stourbridge started the second half strongly. They crossed on 49 minutes, Liam Wordley touching down after a lineout drive and Woodrow again converting.

But Cinderford responded in kind when Bozzard went over from a lineout and Teague converted.

Nudged

Gary Dipple duly nudged the visitors into the lead once again as he finished off a move in the right corner. Woodrow converting from near the touchline and stretching the lead to 10 with a penalty.

But the home side stepped up their game, piled on the pressure and Codlin crossed with Teague cutting the gap to three.

Almost from the restart, Cinderford again closed inexorably on the Saxons try line and, with the clock already showing 80 minutes, another ruck saw Codlin snatch victory with a try in the corner.

Swim teams both finish in the top two

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club teams each finished runners-up in the opening round of the National Arena League. The A team were at Worcester and the B side at Cheslyn Hay where they were pipped by a point.

Stourbridge's A Team were up against it in Division One against some very strong opposition.

But they finished in second place, 43 points clear of the third-placed side.

Swimmer of the night was Britt Horton for recording two personal bests (one when winning the 13s backstroke) and recording a qualifying time that will see her travel to Sheffield in July 2012 for the National Age Group Championships.

Rich Spoor took wins in the 200m individual medley and breaststroke, leaving clear water between him and his opposition in both events.

Nat Dingley won the fly with the boys 13s medley team (Ed Povey, Aaron Costigan, Joe Hamilton and Alex Gordon) also victorious.

The B team were strong throughout the gala and had a good lead with 16 races to go. But the advantage was whittled away and victory snatched from them by one point on the final race.

Unbeaten

Double event winner Emma Pay was swimmer of the night after big wins in both the fly and breaststroke.

The backstrokers were in fine form, posting five victories through Phoebe Sutton, Ellodie Timmins, Emily Bennett, Sam Knowles and Tom Asprey.

Other event winners were Charis Hipkiss (breaststroke), Nick Borghesi (fly) and freestylers Becky Bradley and Adam Horton.

The B relay teams dominated with wins coming from their 13s medley girls; men's open medley and the 6x50m freestyle team.

The 15s boys team (Sam Knowles, Kai Totney, Kieran Furnell, Adam Horton and Sam Matthews) racked up the most points, remaining unbeaten in their relays all night.

Stourbridge Swimming Club is currently on the lookout for new members.

If your child is aged six or over and interested in joining this very successful club, contact head coach Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178.

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Triples league returns

A BOWLING club in Kingswinford is hosting its triples league for the second year with 10 clubs from across the Midlands.

Our Lady of Lourdes Bowling Club, at the church hall on Ulster Drive, is already six weeks into the league which runs until February 17 before the knock out cup gets under way.

The team at Penfields Bowling club have had their first win beating Wall Heath 9-6.

Sedgley, Dawley Brook, Valley Fields and Stourbridge are also showing themselves to be this season's front runners.

Last year's winner Stourbridge and runner up Kingswinford will collect their trophy at a special presentation evening on Friday, December 9.

On Friday November 11 the first match for the Express & Star shield will see the Midlands go head-to-head with Worcester-shire.

Hands on spot for the juniors

Boys league
Bilbrook 2 Stourbridge 2
STOURBRIDGE U12B led then trailed before equalising through a Liam Hands penalty.

Hands had opened the scoring after just four minutes following Conner Fowkes' through ball.

But Bilbrook scored twice in five minutes to lead at the interval before Hands' second goal. Stourbridge preserved their point when Daniel Blunt twice cleared off the line.

Phoenix United 1 Stourbridge 3

The U13B side took a good win at Phoenix.

Mel Jose's through ball set up the first goal and he added a second from the spot when Alfie Bloomer's sharp turn prompted a trip in the area.

Rhys Webb chipped a third and although Phoenix scored a good consolation goal it was not enough.

Controversial verdict sees Norton beaten



Rob Norton, right, lands a blow during his British cruiserweight title fight with Leon Williams

BOXER Rob Norton may decide his career is over after the controversial loss of his British cruiserweight title.

Ringside pundits including television experts Steve Bunce and Steve Lillis thought Norton had comfortably defeated Leon Williams at the York Hall in Bethnal Green on Friday night to bring the Lonsdale belt back to the Black Country.

Lillis, a correspondent for Boxing Monthly, had Norton winning 10 of the 12 rounds. But at the final bell judges Richie Davies and Ian John-Lewis had the Londoner ahead by 116-114 and 116-113 respectively, with John Keane scoring the fight for Norton 115-114.

Norton wants a rematch, but Williams looks set to meet the winner of Tony Conquest's defence of his Southern Area belt against Toks Owoh on Friday, November 18.

And, at the age of 39, the Kidderminster-based southpaw may decide to hang up his gloves after a career that has brought British, Commonwealth

and WBU world honours. The title defence was his first fight for 20 months and he looks unlikely to be handed a quick route back to championship contention.

Manager PJ Rowson admitted he was "gobsmacked" by the decision, but added: "Rob should have done more and listened to his corner."

"He should have boxed from the centre of the ring rather than getting on the back foot and leaning on the ropes. I've told him to have a think about what he wants to do next."

Cleanly

Norton appeared to win most of the early rounds and then hold off Williams' attempts to take over in the later stages.

He spent most of the 10th round under fire in a corner, but Williams still found it hard to connect cleanly and Norton dropped his hands and clowned to show he was untroubled.

Norton was pushed back to the ropes again in the last two rounds but appeared to out-punch Williams in the toe-to-toe exchanges.

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